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Attorney General John Ashcroft  
US Department of Justice  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft,

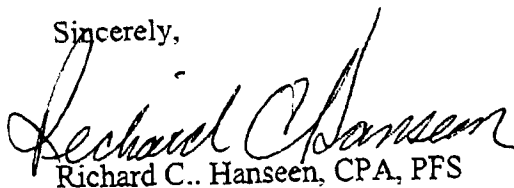
As a Microsoft user and shareholder, I am writing to express my opinion of the recent antitrust case settlement between Microsoft and the U.S. Department of Justice. I have felt all along that the government should keep out of this matter and let free enterprise take its course.

Microsoft has been instrumental in creating a powerful business that has been innovative and vision-oriented. Microsoft's work has set standards for the industry and has proved that the tech sector is a formidable force that is here to stay. Unfortunately, Microsoft has been hindered in the past three years by litigation, which in many cases is unjustified.

The settlement corrects the alleged wrongs from the alleged lawsuit, and enables companies to sue Microsoft if they feel that it is taking liberties with the settlement. Moreover, the government-run Technical Committee will also help to ensure that Microsoft refrains from retaliatory or predatory actions that would undermine the settlement.

I hope that no further litigation is brought to suit and that the best interests of the American public are served by the government's future action against Microsoft.

Sincerely,



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